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PATENT ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Noboru NAKASHIMA Art Unit: 3763

Application No.: 10/084,491 Examiner: Ghafoorian, R.

Filed : February 28, 2002

Title : SAFETY INDWELLING SYRINGE

Commissioner for Patents

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 28, 2004, applicant hereby submits the enclosed papers including a Preliminary Amendment.

The required fees are calculated below:

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$0.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0090/004001. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 10, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 28, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.